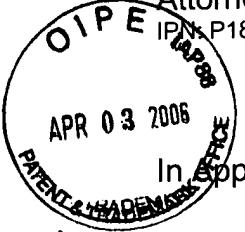


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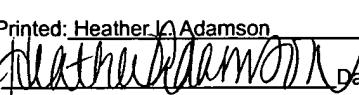
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the captioned application in view of the amendments and arguments/remarks to follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.